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## **Minutes 10/07/2009**

Open Spaces Committee Meeting  
Wednesday October 7<sup>th</sup> 2009

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Elizabeth Karpati, Leslie Mayer, Lisa Decker, Patsy Kraemer, David White, Jane Auger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

The minutes of the 9-9-09 meeting were approved with one correction regarding development of the map of aerial views of Mill Brook.

Ann reported that the Town Web Site has been corrected with the proper dates of the minutes of OSC meetings now in place.

Town Day: Ann reported that turnout was good, with a lot of interest in the maps of Mill Brook, maps of the Town's open spaces, and handouts of invasive plants.

Mill Brook Project: next meeting will be either Tuesday 10/27 or Thursday 10/29.

Action on the application for National Park RTCA assistance is currently on hold as the office has been closed due to budget cuts.

Management Plan Reviews:

Arlington Great Meadows (David White)

Suggestion made to add reference to periodic fires in the Outstanding Issues section 2.13.  
FoAGM researching ways to fund the AGM restoration project.

Robbins Park (Leslie Mayer)

Outstanding Issues discussed, including maintenance of hillside slides, additions to Park by Friends group, on-going dog issues, field use and maintenance.

Mgt Plan should reflect the portable toilet pilot project.

New Town wide Parks and Recreation policy on Gifts and Memorials in place.

Busa Farm Update: Sale to Lexington not yet finalized. Arlington should be represented in the discussion for future use. David will draft a letter to the appropriate parties stating OSC position.

DCR Path: project on hold for budgetary reasons.

Cooke's Hollow: project planning underway in preparation for public meetings.

Green Dog Update: (Leslie Mayer) Advocacy groups such as ADOG (Arlington Dog Owners Group) and MassDog are still exploring fenced and non-fenced alternatives.

Summer Street Playground: public meetings are being held to discuss needs and options for renovation in context of planning for a potentially larger athletic complex area.

Porta-Potty Pilot Program: Some tip-over incidents at Hurd Field prompted removal; other toilets remain in place now. Currently not handicapped accessible; investigating Community Development Block Grant assistance.

Spy Pond Rowing: no complaints, program has been largely successful. Boat engines are limited to certain horsepower rating: gas and electric engines are allowed.

Reservoir: Aquatic weeds currently undergoing natural seasonal die-off.

Spy Pond: Phragmites eradication treatment of plants in the water approved by Conservation Commission, and began 10-6-09.

Arlington Historical Society program on Arlington's Mill Ponds will take place on either November 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.

Next OSC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Auger